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TOPIC Strausberg Airfield

EVALUATION

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10 December 1953

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ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE)

REMARKS

1. In late September 1953, Soviets who worked in a barracks installation in Strausberg stated that the unit at Strausberg airfield was to leave and that subsequently the field would be occupied by another unit. In early October, only small groups of soldiers were observed arriving at the field. The rumor of an intended transfer still circulated in mid-October and [ ] no repair shop but a technical school was located there. Between 19 and 24 October, groups of 10 to 12 soldiers carrying rucksacks and suitcases were repeatedly observed on the road between the field and town. There were still rumors on the evacuation of the field by 28 October 1953. During the first half of November, the evacuation of the airfield actually started and [ ] 25X1
- billeting equipment, crates, horses and vehicles were being shipped by rail. Aircraft were not observed to have left the field. On 17 November, 2 trucks mounting searchlights, 7 generators and preheaters, and 1 radio truck [ ] were being shipped away. During the first half of November, trains carrying soldiers left Strausberg heading east. A train of 10 boxcars with about 300 men and another train of 7 boxcars carrying about 200 men left on 9 November. A train of 20 boxcars carrying about 600 men and another train of 17 boxcars carrying about 500 men left on 14 November.

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3. In late September, about 800 kg of bread were daily delivered to the airfield. The bakery was informed to prepare for an increased bread delivery by the end of September. However, on 29 September, it was made known that the target date would be postponed.

4. At about 3 p.m. on 1 November, a train of 15 boxcars carrying Soviet Air Force personnel was observed at Strausberg railroad station.

5. [ ] the installation was to be vacated by the Soviets allegedly because of an intended

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occupation by VPL. 1

6. Between 10 and 14 November, Soviet Air Force soldiers, vehicles and equipment were being entrained at Strausberg airfield. [REDACTED] 25X1
- [REDACTED] the soldiers came from Strausberg airfield.

10 November. At 8 p.m., a train consisting of 16 boxcars carrying EM, wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, 15 boxcars carrying military goods and billeting equipment, 14 flatcars carrying trucks [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] and 8 gondola cars with crates, barrels, bedsteads etc. was being assembled at the railroad station. The train was to proceed via Wusternmark [REDACTED] 2

12 November. At 8 p.m., a train consisting of the following cars was being assembled for dispatch to Mirow: 12 boxcars carrying EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, 19 boxcars carrying billeting equipment, 8 gondola cars carrying crates, bedsteads etc., 8 flatcars carrying a searchlight each, 2 flatcars carrying a generator each, and 3 flatcars, each carrying a truck [REDACTED] including one radio truck. The train was to go to Mirow. 2

14 November. At 6 p.m., a train consisting of 33 boxcars carrying EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, 17 boxcars carrying military goods, and 6 flatcars carrying trucks [REDACTED] was observed at the railroad station. 2 25X1

7. Between 10 and 15 November, the airfield was being vacated by troops and equipment. According to a rumor, the field was to be occupied by a VPL school. 1

1. [REDACTED] Comment. No observations have been made indicating an occupation of Strausberg airfield by VPL. It is believed that the field will be occupied by KVP. 25X1

2. [REDACTED] Comment. The shipments observed were previously reported [REDACTED] 25X1
- [REDACTED] It is believed that the air technical school of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army transferred from Strausberg to Doberitz. 25X1

3. [REDACTED] Comment. It has not been definitely determined whether the train actually went to Mirow, which would be the unloading station for Laers airfield, where a fighter division is stationed. 25X1

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